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GLENDALÉ HOSTING ART CAMPS FOR AGES 6 TO 12

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale Public Art Program is offering a series of art camps for children ages 6 to 12 at Desert Mirage Elementary School, 8605 W. Maryland Ave., beginning June 24.

The camps are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and each themed week features a local professional artist working with the campers. The price is \$45 per camp, per student (\$55 for non-residents). The camps are offered from 8 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 8 and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 9 to 12. The camp dates, themes and artists are as follows:

- June 24, 25, 27 and 28: Cartooning with artist Bryan Kilgore – Witness Bryan Kilgore’s revolutionary way of approaching art using his dynamic slogan, “Lines make shapes, shapes make objects, and objects make pictures,” and his fail-safe technique called “Copy Cat.” Students are driven to draw and expand their creative potential.
- July 8, 9, 11 and 12: Build a City with artist Melinda Bergman – This will be a really fun way to learn more about cities and why they look and feel the way they do. Participants will plan a city, and then build a model out of new and recycled materials. With lots of opportunity to work together, and independently, participants will dream, build and invent to create their own city.
- July 15, 16, 18 and 19: Planet of Percussion with artist Will Clipman – Guided by Canyon Records recording artist and six-time GRAMMY® nominee, Will Clipman, this high-energy, hands-on workshop will channel all that pent-up youthful enthusiasm into a joyous exploration of world music rhythm and polyrhythm on a pan-global palette of exotic indigenous instruments. Students will orchestrate a musical composition, incorporating elements of intro and outro; verse, chorus and bridge; tempo and dynamics; and crescendo and diminuendo. Along the way, kids learn about the Mathematics of Music and the Science of Sound and explore traditional techniques of drum construction and tuning, making the experience a truly interdisciplinary and multicultural journey around the Planet of Percussion. The workshop culminates with an informal community showcase presented by the students.

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- July 22, 23, 25 and 26: Exploration Art with artist Christy Puetz – Christy's class will include a diverse series of sculpture, fiber art, recycled art, and jewelry projects, which are sure to inspire. The children will create their own space inspired robot using recycled materials and colorful embellishments, try a new style of batik fabric dying technique and make a symbolic piece of jewelry, embellish a special wand helping their wishes to come true and explore figures made by cultures from around the world as inspiration for their own embellished figure that will tell a personal story.
- July 29, 30, Aug. 1 and 2: T-Shirt Up-Cycle with artist Cyndi Coon – This workshop will offer up-cycle projects for used t-shirts. Each participant will be invited to bring in worn-out, old, stained, used t-shirts to create personalized projects. Used t-shirts will also be provided. Participants will learn how to cut apart used, worn-out, stained or just plain old t-shirts and turn them into all kinds of projects including animals, electronic carrying cases, tote bags, wearable art, yarn and more. Each participant will leave with several pieces of handmade art created out of t-shirts and instructions to continue the creative fun at home.

To register for the art camps, visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts.

In addition, children can take part in the summer drop-in recreation program held at Desert Mirage Elementary. The program features activities, games, fun, crafts and supervision and is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, through Aug. 2. The recreation program is \$45 a week per child (\$55 per week for non-Glendale residents). For information on the recreation program or to register, call 623-930-2820.

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